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MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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Sir:

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A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English documents may be found in the specification at pages 1-3 and 40. (Some of the U.S. patents are mentioned at pages 40 and 73, and the journal articles are mentioned at page 59.) Also, Applicants have obtained English language abstracts for the non-English patent documents and attached them to their respective copies. English language counterparts, if readily available, are also listed on the Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application.

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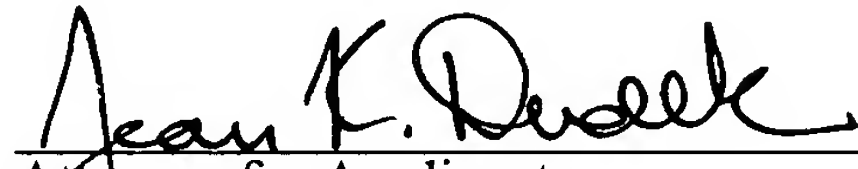
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It is respectfully requested that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

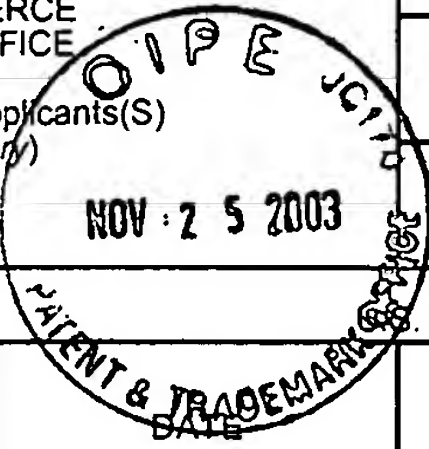
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